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MINUTES OF THE I.A.S.S. BOARD MEETING
BANGKOK, 27th JUNE 2015

Present: Professors V. Kutumba Sastry (President), Ram Karan Sharma, John Brockington (Vice Presidents), Georges-Jean Pinault (Treasurer) and Dr J. Soni (Secretary General).

1. The President opened the meeting and gave a brief report about the IASS and its increasing presence in the scholarly world, and about how to encourage new membership with thoughts about issuing a membership card to IASS members.
2. The Minutes of the Board and other meetings held in New Delhi, 5th January 2012, prepared by Professor John Brockington (previously circulated and published in *Indologica Taurinensia*, Vol. XXXVIII, pp. 247-253) were approved.
3. In his report the Secretary General showed his appreciation for being elected at the Delhi WSC in 2012 and the help given by the President and his predecessor Professor John Brockington in fulfilling the duties of a SG. He briefly reported about the new set-up of the IASS since the Delhi WSC in 2012 with the President, four Vice Presidents and 18 CC members. He also gave a brief report on the New Delhi WSC and, in a previously circulated list, commemorated 24 scholars who had passed away since the New Delhi WSC.
4. The Treasurer presented his cumulative report for the years 2012-2015, the financial reports for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (until June 20, 2015), as well as the auditors' statement of approval for the years 2012-2014, and 2015 (until May 21, 2015). These reports and this statement were accepted. Professors Nalini Balbir, Bruno Dagens and Oskar von Hinüber agreed to continue as auditors for the accounts

of the IASS in the next years.

- 4a. The Treasurer raised the point about individual membership and national/ regional associations. It was agreed that individuals of associations that are IASS members *and pay* their membership should be automatically regarded as IASS members as well.
- 4b. The Treasurer suggested that conveners and participants of the different sections of a WSC should be members of the IASS, at least for the year in which the WSC takes place. It was decided to think about how to implement this when a WSC is organised.
5. Election/re-election of the Board and Consultative Committees. It was agreed that members of the Board, etc. continue to remain in their positions, if they wished to do so. RDs Professors Oskar von Hinüber (for German speaking countries and N. Europe), Yaroslav Vassilkov (for Eastern Europe) and CC member Muneo Tokunaga had expressed their wish to step down from the Board. The Board thanked them very much indeed for their long association with the IASS in their capacities as RDs and as CC member.
 Dr Amarjiva Lochan who was coopted in 2012 (proposed by J. Soni and seconded by John Brockington) was confirmed as a CC member.
 Proposals for the RDs for the German speaking countries and N. Europe, and for Eastern Europe were considered, to replace Professors Oskar von Hinüber and Yaroslav Vassilkov respectively. For the German speaking countries and N. Europe it was agreed to recommend that Professor Ute Hüsken, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo (proposed by Donald R. Davis and seconded by John Brockington) be appointment as the Regional Director.
 There were two candidates for the RD for Eastern Europe, so it was decided to leave it to a vote at the CC Meeting.
6. The offer from the University of British Columbia Vancouver for the 17th WSC in 2018 made by Professor Adheesh Sathaye had already been accepted at the Delhi WSC in 2012.

There were three offers for the venue of the 18th WSC in 2021 and it was decided to discuss the matter at the CC Meeting.

7. Four theses were submitted for the DK Award for the period 2012-2014 and an Adjudication Panel was set up which recommended that Dr Michael Slouber be given the Award for his outstanding thesis: “Gāruḍa Medicine: A History of Snakebite and Religious Healing in South Asia”, submitted to South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2012.
8. The Board decided to recommend the conferment of the status of Honorary Research Fellow to Dr Michael Slouber.
9. The progress on the publication of previous WSC Proceedings was summarised by the SG: 11 out of 15 volumes were published for the Helsinki WSC in 2003; 3 out of 4 volumes have been published for the Edinburgh WSC in 2006; all the 4 volumes of the Kyoto WSC in 2009 have been published; 3 out of 6 volumes for the New Delhi WSC Proceedings in 2012 were still outstanding.
10. Since there was no progress regarding the 2012 resolution that the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan be given the status of a Central International Sanskrit University by an Act of Parliament (proposed by Professor R. K. Sharma, supported by Professor RV. Tripathi and others), it was decided to reiterate the proposal at the other Meetings.
11. The Membership Fee-Change Proposal formally made by CC Members Professors Donald R. Davis, Jr. and McComas Taylor, dated May 17, 2013 was discussed. The Treasurer explained the difficulty involved in implementing it. After a detailed discussion it was decided not to accept the proposal.
13. The Board decided to formulate a Voting Procedure as a by-law (proposed by Professor Brockington and seconded by J. Soni), preferably before the next WSC.
14. Since very few IASS Members of the Board and CC use the sanskritassociation.org emails it was recommended by the SG that only the minimum number in the package of the IASS website be used, 5 or 6.

15. With regard to the publication policy of the WSC Proceedings the Treasurer and SG were asked to see into the details of publishing them through our official organ: *Indologica Taurinensia*. The SG agreed to discuss the matter with VP Professor Irma Piovano.
16. In view of the increase in sections of a WSC since the 13th WSC in 2000, suggestions for a recommended number of Sections for a WSC were discussed in several email correspondence prior to the Meeting. The result was that a formal proposal was made by Professor RV. Tripathi, seconded by Professor A. Aklujkar for 21 standard Sections, in keeping with the IASS policy in previous years. The Board recommended that it be accepted, including the provision for flexibility and the use of the Sanskrit titles before their English equivalents. See the Appendix.

Abbreviations:

CC: Consultative Committee

RD(s): Regional Director(s)

SG: Secretary General

VP(s): Vice President(s)

WSC: World Sanskrit Conference

MINUTES OF THE I.A.S.S. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS' MEETING
BANGKOK, 30th JUNE 2015

Present: Professors V. Kutumba Sastry, John Brockington, Ram Karan Sharma, Georges-Jean Pinault, Oskar von Hinüber, Joel Brereton, Wendy Phillips-Rodriguez, A. Aklujkar, Greg Bailey, Mislav Ježić, Amarjiva Lochan, C.S. Radhakrishnan, T.S. Rukmani, Hari Dutt Sharma, McComas Taylor, RV. Tripathi and Dr J. Soni. Observer: Professor Adheesh Sathaye.

1. The President opened the meeting and gave a brief report about the IASS and its presence in the scholarly world, and

about how to encourage new membership with thoughts about issuing a membership card to IASS members.

2. The Minutes of the Board and other meetings held in New Delhi, 5th January 2012 prepared by Professor John Brockington (previously circulated and published in *Indologica Taurinensia*, Vol. XXXVIII, pp. 247-253), were approved.
3. In his report the Secretary General showed his appreciation for being elected at the Delhi WSC in 2012 and the help given by the President and his predecessor Professor John Brockington in fulfilling the duties of a SG. He briefly reported about the new set-up of the IASS since the Delhi WSC in 2012 with the President, four Vice Presidents and 18 CC members. He also gave a brief report on the New Delhi WSC and, in a previously circulated list, commemorated 24 scholars who had passed away since the New Delhi WSC.
4. The Treasurer presented his cumulative report for the years 2012-2015, the financial reports for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (until June 20, 2015), as well as the auditors' statement of approval for the years 2012-2014, and 2015 (until May 21, 2015). These reports and this statement were accepted. Professors Nalini Balbir, Bruno Dagens and Oskar von Hinüber agreed to continue as auditors for the accounts of the IASS in the next years.
- 4a. The Treasurer raised the point about individual membership and national/ regional associations. It was agreed that individuals of associations that are IASS members *and pay* their membership should be automatically regarded as IASS members as well.
- 4b. The Treasurer suggested that conveners and participants of the different sections of a WSC should be members of the IASS, at least for the year in which the WSC takes place. It was decided to think about how to implement this when a WSC is organised.
5. Election/re-election of the Board and Consultative Committees. It was agreed that members of the Board, etc. continue to remain in their positions, if they wished to do so.

RDs Professors Oskar von Hinüber (for German speaking countries and N. Europe), Yaroslav Vassilkov (for Eastern Europe) and CC member Professor Muneo Tokunaga had expressed their wish to step down from the Board. The Board thanked them very much indeed for their long association with the IASS in their capacities as RDs and as CC member.

Dr Amarjiva Lochan who was coopted in 2012 (proposed by J. Soni and seconded by John Brockington) was confirmed as a CC member.

Proposals for the RDs for the German speaking countries and N. Europe, and for Eastern Europe were considered, to replace Professors Oskar von Hinüber and Yaroslav Vassilkov respectively. For the German speaking countries and N. Europe it was agreed to recommend that Professor Ute Hüsken, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo (proposed by Donald R. Davis and seconded by John Brockington) be appointment as the Regional Director.

A secret ballot was taken to vote for the RD of Eastern Europe. Professor Natalia Lidova, Institute of World Literature, Russian Academy of Sciences, Asian and African Literature, Moscow, received the largest number of votes and was thus elected as the RD for E. Europe (proposed by Professor RV. Tripathi and seconded by Professor Hari Dutt Sharma).

6. The offer from the University of British Columbia Vancouver for the 17th WSC in 2018 made by Professor Adheesh Sathaye had already been accepted at the Delhi WSC in 2012.

There were three offers for the venue of the 18th WSC in 2021 so the matter was discussed in detail at the CC Meeting. The RDs and CC Members decided to support and recommend the offer made by Professor McComas Taylor to hold it in Canberra, Australia. He explained that the Australian National University there is well equipped for such a Conference because it has the necessary infrastructure. The State, he said, encourages international

conferences of this kind and that financial support would be possible.

7. Four theses were submitted for DK Award for the period 2012-2014 and an Adjudication Panel was set up which recommended that Dr Michael Slouber be given the Award for his outstanding thesis: “Gāruḍa Medicine: A History of Snakebite and Religious Healing in South Asia”, submitted to South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2012.
8. It was recommended that Dr Michael Slouber be conferred the status of Honorary Research Fellow of the IASS.
9. The progress on the publication of previous WSC Proceedings was summarised by the SG: 11 out of 15 volumes were published for the Helsinki WSC in 2003; 3 out of 4 volumes have been published for the Edinburgh WSC in 2006; all the 4 volumes of the Kyoto WSC in 2009 have been published; 3 out of 6 volumes for the New Delhi WSC Proceedings in 2012 were still outstanding.
10. Since there was no progress regarding the 2012 proposal that the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan be given the status of a Central International Sanskrit University by an Act of Parliament (Professor R. K. Sharma, supported by Professor RV. Tripathi and others), the proposal was reiterated.
11. The Membership Fee-Change Proposal formally made by CC Members Professors Donald R. Davis, Jr. and McComas Taylor, dated May 17, 2013 was discussed. The Treasurer explained the difficulty involved in implementing it. After a detailed discussion it was decided not to accept the proposal.
13. It was decided to formulate a Voting procedure as a by-law (JLB) by the next WSC.
14. Since very few IASS Members of the Board and CC use the sanskritassociation.org Emails it was recommended by the SG that only the minimum number in the package of the IASS website be used, 5 or 6.
15. With regard to the publication policy of the IASS proceedings the Treasurer and SG were asked to see into the details of publishing them through our official organ:

Indologica Taurinensia. The SG agreed to discuss the matter with Vice President Irma Piovano.

16. In view of the increase in sections of a WSC since the 13th WSC in 2000, suggestions for a recommended number of Sections for a WSC were discussed. A formal proposal was made by Professor RV. Tripathi, seconded by Professor A. Aklujkar for 21 standard Sections, in keeping with the IASS policy in previous years. The Board recommended that it be accepted, including the provision for flexibility and the use of the Sanskrit titles before their English equivalents. See the Appendix.

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MINUTES OF THE I.A.S.S. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING BANGKOK, 2nd JULY 2015

Present: Members of the Board, CC and RDs (17 in all), nearly 50 members of the IASS, as well as other participants of the 16th WSC.

1. The President opened the meeting and gave a brief report about the IASS and its presence in the scholarly world, and about how to encourage new membership with thoughts about issuing a membership card to IASS members.
2. The Minutes of the Board and other meetings held in New Delhi, 5th January 2012 prepared by Professor John Brockington (previously circulated and published in *Indologica Taurinensia*, Vol. XXXVIII, pp. 247-253), were approved.
3. In his report the Secretary General showed his appreciation

for being elected at the Delhi WSC in 2012 and the help given by the President and his predecessor Professor John Brockington in fulfilling the duties of a SG. He briefly reported about the new set-up of the IASS since the Delhi WSC in 2012 with the President, four Vice Presidents and 18 CC members. He also gave a brief report on the New Delhi WSC and, in a previously circulated list, commemorated 24 scholars who had passed away since the New Delhi WSC.

- 3a. Commemoration of 24 scholars who had passed away since the New Delhi WSC. While the SG read out their names everyone present stood up and at the end observed a few moments of silence as a mark of respect to the deceased scholars.
4. The Treasurer presented his cumulative report for the years 2012-2015, the financial reports for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (until June 20, 2015), as well as the auditors' statement of approval for the years 2012-2014, and 2015 (until May 21, 2015). These reports and this statement were accepted. Professors Nalini Balbir, Bruno Dagens and Oskar von Hinüber agreed to continue as auditors for the accounts of the IASS in the next years.
5. RDs Professors Oskar von Hinüber (for German speaking countries and N. Europe), Yaroslav Vassilkov (for Eastern Europe) and CC member Muneo Tokunaga wanted to step down from the Board. At the Meeting the Board thanked them again very much indeed for their long association with the IASS in their capacities as RDs and as CC member.
Election/re-election of the Board and Consultative Committees.
Confirmation of Dr Amarjiva Lochan as CC member was approved.
RDs for the German speaking countries (Professor Ute Hüsken) and N. Europe and for Eastern Europe (Professor Natalia Lidova) were also approved as recommended by the Board.
6. The offer from the University of British Columbia Vancouver for the 17th WSC in 2018 made by Professor

Adheesh Sathaye had already been accepted at the Delhi WSC in 2012. Professor Sathaye once again invited us heartily to come to Vancouver.

The Board, RDs and CC Members recommended that the offer made by Professor McComas Taylor to hold the 18th WSC in 2021 in Canberra, Australia, be accepted. Professor Taylor explained at the meeting that the Australian National University in Canberra is well equipped for such a Conference because it has the necessary infrastructure. He personally invited all delegates to Canberra and appreciated it that his proposal was accepted at the General Assembly Meeting.

7. Four theses were submitted for DK Award for the period 2012–2014 and an Adjudication Panel was set up which recommended that Dr Michael Slouber be given the Award for his outstanding thesis: “Gāruḍa Medicine: A History of Snakebite and Religious Healing in South Asia”, submitted to South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2012.

On behalf of DK Agencies the senior colleague, Mr Kayarat Baby, presented the Award to Dr Slouber who expressed his profound thanks.

As agreed, it was also announced that the adjudicators of the DK Award wanted to explicitly place on record that the thesis by Dr Elaine Fisher was also outstanding and that she should be mentioned honourably for her research work in the field of Sanskrit studies. This was done at the Meeting.

8. It was decided at the Meeting that the Conferment of the status of Honorary Research Fellow be made to Dr Michael Slouber.
9. In 2012 a resolution was passed by the General Assembly requesting the Government of India to give the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan the status of a Central International Sanskrit University by Act of Parliament (proposed by Professor R.K. Sharma and supported by Professor R.V. Tripathi and others). This was reiterated at the General Assembly Meeting in the hope that the resolution would be expedited sooner than later. It was also recalled that all these

resolutions were accepted unanimously.

10. Voting procedure as a by-law.
11. In view of the increase in sections of a WSC since the 13th WSC since the year 2000, including eliminations of some Sections, suggestions for a recommended number of Sections for a WSC were discussed. A formal proposal was made by Professor RV. Tripathi, seconded by Professor A. Akhujkar for 21 standard Sections, in keeping with the IASS policy in previous years. At recommendation of the Board the proposal was accepted, including especially the provision for flexibility and the use of the Sanskrit titles before their English equivalents. See the Appendix.

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APPENDIX
SECTIONS OF A WORLD SANSKRIT CONFERENCE

SUGGESTIONS for future World Sanskrit Conferences

Recommendations proposed by Professor RV. Tripathi and seconded by Professor A. Aklujkar in 2015 (see also their resolution below):

1. वेदः	Veda
2. भाषाशास्त्रम्	Linguistics
3. व्याकरणम्	Vyākaraṇa
4. रामायणं महाभारतं च	Epics
5. पुराणानि	Purāṇas
6. आगमास्तन्त्रं च	Āgama and Tantra
7. विध्यनुष्ठानविमर्शः	Ritual Studies
8. काव्यम् अलङ्कारश्च	Poetry, Drama and Aesthetics
9. वैज्ञानिकं वाङ्मयम्	Scientific Literature
10. बौद्धविद्या	Buddhist Studies
11. जैनविद्या	Jaina Studies
12. वैष्णवमतं शैवमतं च	Vaiṣṇavism and Śaivism
13. धर्मविमर्शः	Religious Studies
14. दर्शनानि, तत्त्वशास्त्रम्	Philosophy
15. इतिहासः कलाः स्थापत्यम् अभिलेखशास्त्रं च	History, Art and Architecture, Epigraphy
16. संस्कृतं प्रदेशभाषाश्च	Sanskrit and Regional Languages
17. संस्कृतशिक्षाशास्त्रम्	Sanskrit Pedagogy
18. आधुनिकं संस्कृतसाहित्यम्	Modern Sanskrit Writings
19. संस्कृतं निज्ञानतान्त्रिकी च	Sanskrit and Information Technology
20. हस्तलेखविज्ञानम्	Manuscriptology
21. धर्मशास्त्रम् अर्थशास्त्रं च	Law and Society

Resolution Concerning the Sections of Future World Sanskrit Conferences

Proposed in four points by Professor RV. Tripathi, seconded by Professor A. Aklujkar, on 1st June 2015. Accepted at the General Assembly Meeting in Bangkok, 2nd July 2015.

1. The list of titles of the sections that have become traditional in the organization of the World Sanskrit Conferences should, with their Sanskrit nomenclatures, be taken as a model by the organizers of future World Sanskrit Conferences.
2. The local organizers may add, delete or appropriately combine a few sections to suit local and contemporary conditions.
3. When they add sections, they should also add the appropriate Sanskrit nomenclatures.
4. Nomenclatures in Sanskrit should be put before the English titles in the circulars and webpages announcing the Conference and in the booklets, etc., specifying the Conference program.

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